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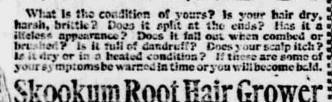
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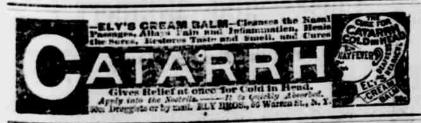
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Any one who knows the look of the 'barnstormer" can tell him at a glance. It is the fine days that bring him out. Little is seen of him on wet and rainy lays, but give Old Sol just half a chance and you wonder at the array of immaculate linen, cigarettes and Prince Alberts exhibited by these fly by night stars, whose ways of securing an existence are as ingenious as they are manifold. The men, with but few exceptions, are barbers or waiters who do not work at their trade, as they are either too light for heavy work or too heavy for light work. The ladies are as a rule the possessors of good homes, which they desert to follow their cherished calling.

A company of Keystone talent leaves Philadelphia to play the state of New Jersey. Their stock in trade consists of a \$25 bank roll and several bundles-not trunks-of wardrobe. Of course they are in possession of their ability, no longer a freeholder? which is not appreciated by New Jersey natives, and after making several stands, pursued by angry hotel keepers, they go ashore on the rocks, and with one accord all noses point toward the Quaker City. The ladies have little trouble in ingenuity? securing transportation, as they are experienced in the art of telling the conductors a story calculated to soften a heart of steel. They ride, and before reaching the Delaware river have "touched" the accommodating ticket puncher for 3 cents each with which to pay their ferry fare.

Not so with the men, as they care not for varnish covered cars, but prefer riding in what is known to the professionals as a side door eleoper, but which the railroad calls a box car. The comedian has secured possession of his valise, which he has expressed to his destination. On reaching home he redeems it from the express company and hies himself to with destiny. some theatrical hotel, where he secures room and board for a week, at the end of which time he is unable to pay and informs the hotel man that he is expecting to sign with Manager So-and-so and will settle in a day or two. After hearing this song for four weeks the landlord takes charge of his grip and advises him to find other quarters.

Happy thought! His friend, Tom Tom is dressed-in their language-out of sight, our comedian hunts him up. and after a short confab with him Tom the hotel fately occupied by Comedy. Reaching there, he calls at the desk for our comedian and is informed by the proprietor that he is not in, whereupon Fom becomes agitated, and in a confidesires to engage Comedy to work the rest of that week, as his comedian has been taken ill. "Why!" he exclaims, "I present bearer of the crescent. must get him at any price, as he is the only man in the city acquainted with the lines and the finest comedy exponent in the country." Comedy now strolls in, and Toms falls upon his chest with joy landlord is happy and already hears the jingle of the simoleons due him. Tom here informs our friend that he

must report for dress rehearsal at once, whereupon the landlord is told that his wardrobe is in the grip, which is handed him instanter. He and his friend Tom depart arm in arm. But they never

Several years ago a company stranded near Philadelphia, and all but the leading man returned to New York, he remaining with headquarters at the hotel in which he was stopping, expecting, as he told the country landlord, a money order from his wife. At the end of three weeks no money order had made its appearance, and the Thespian's trunk was taken into the storeroom as security by the hotel man. The day following this move a young lady alighted from the train and registered at the hotel, and ir a very short time became acquainted with the leading man. She wanted to buy a trunk. He would sell her one and stated to the innkeeper that he had a chance to sell his trunk and gave him the impression that the proceeds of the sale should apply on his board bill.

The trunk was removed to the actor's room, where the contents were taken out of it and wrapped in a paper, after which the lady was called in to examine the "keister." She was in love with the style and make of it and paid the actor \$10 in cash for the same. The bundles were lowered out of the window by the actor and expressed to Philadelphia. The lady paid her bill at the hotel, amounting to \$1, and that afternoon left for this city in company with the leading man, who was none other than her husband, and in whose pocket quietly reposed the baggage check for his trunk, which the day before had been the property of the confiding hotel keeper, and who, to this day, had never received a cent from the proceeds of that sale.

A common practice followed by these catch-as-catch-can managers is to give the country hotel keeper an order for the country note in the payable at the box office in the town to be next played, to which place they agree to pay his railroad fare. They reach the town in the early hours of the morning, and the traveling hotel man is put to bed with the company's manager, who lies awake at. Moissan's diamond making experi-until he is assured that his companion ments. He claims that it is successful, and creditor is sound asleep, when he The steel is instantaneously made by arises and in a few moments is in pos-session of the order he has given on the coal together in a parallel direction in box office, having extracted it from the an electrical firebrick furnace of a temclothes of the unsuspecting sleeper, who, when he discovers his loss, has nothing left to do but to return home a much wiser man.—Philadelphia Times.

A DEFENSE OF THE LIAR.

The Position In Society, Polities and Com-

For many years the wise men have inof truth. We read that all the glorious and lovely productions of the arts de-pend upon the truth as upon a solid and enduring foundation. We read that poetry and beauty rest upon the congenial substance of truth as a statue upon its pedestal. But the man has not as yet arisen who has given the other side of the question justice or yielded due praise to the efforts and worth of liars. We respect and recore the truth. We adhere to it in theory and in practice-a thing rare in the adherents of mere opinions-but we believe in justice though the heavens fall, and in all the good, old fashioned axioms. In all truth, however, to speak paradoxically, the liar, as an element of practical advancement, has been too long ignored. It is time that the pen and the brush should do him homage.

Who sets the great enterprises affont? Who is the originator of vast investments and the instigator of magnificent The liar.

Who is it that floats the bonds, discounts corporations and consolidations? Who is it that has settled the wild lands of the west and made Uncle Sam

Who is it that originates "booms" and distributes capital from the unwary to the wise? Who is it that makes wildcat mines

successful and sets a prize upon human Who is it that gives the impulse to pol-

The liar. The liar has as many guises as Porteus. Anon he wishes to make your fortune, and again he wants to borrow a dollar. But he is always pleasant, affable, agreeable, whether engaged in the soliciting of millions in world stirring plans or in attempting to secure a free lunch. The truthful man will affront you with rude candor and hold up your faults brutally to your notice. But the liarhe will do nothing of the sort. He will make you comfortable and happy. He will put you at peace with the world and

Whether he is in commerce, in politica or in the show business, whether he is offering you a position or asking a favor, let his merit be recognized. - Minneapolis

The Hardworking Sultan.

This ruler is currently imagined to allow his ministers to do all his work, while he himself lives a life of luxurious Blower, has arrived in the city, and as indolence. The very reverse is the rule. The one man in all the Turkish dominions who works morning, noon and night, whose mind never rests from efcan be seen walking in the direction of fort to carry his people through the difficulties which beset bad system and lack of means, is the monarch. The ministers work little, the sultan incessantly. Not only is this well known, but an intimate of mine is an aid-de-campin daily dential tone tells the hotel man that he attendance upon his matjesty, and my ideas gleaned from him have given me a hearty respect for the personality of the

Since his accession he has scarcely left his palace. Here he labors with honest fidelity to effect the impossible, for the bad Turkish customs are like the laws of the Medes and Persians. The system is and engages him, in tones to be over-heard by the landlord, to complete the Moreover, the suitan is the simplest and week with him at a salary of \$50. The most plainly dressed man in his domin ions. The unpretentious courtesy of his personal bearing, his apparent lack of egotism, his rather pale, nervous, fatigued looking face, are dignity itself, I have never seen a more patriarchal ceremony or one of higher tone than the quiet procession of Selamlik.-Harper's

Thirty-three Years Without Food. A queer story, and one which readers would do well to thoroughly salt (give it more than the proverbial grain) before swallowing, comes with first class recommendation all the way from England. Thirty-three years ago, in 1830, a member of the Chaplin family died at Biankney, Lincolnshire, and was laid in the family tomb. This particular Chaplin was a naturalist, and among his other pets had a large gray bat. That bat was permitted to enter the tomband was sealed up alive along with the corpse of his dead master. In 1866 the vault was opened, and to the surprise of all the bat was alive and fat. On four different occasions since the Chaplins havlooked after the welfare of their dea relative's pet, and each time it has been reported that the bat was still in the land of the living, although occupying quarters with the dead. He was last seen in 1892.—St. Louis Republic.

The great controversy over the wearing of feathers is developing considerable heat. There is no appreciable effect yet of the pleas on behalf of the bright plumaged birds. The hat boxes of the Princess of Wales have just been peeped into, and what was seen there may have an important influence on a large number. On the hats recently made for the princess and her daughters there are many feathers, but we are told there are none except from birds which are used for human food. Most of the hats are o the half Alpine shape, now coming into fashion. One of the neatest contained black cock's tail feathers. A little color has been introduced, showing that the princess is bringing her mourning to .. close.-London Correspondent.

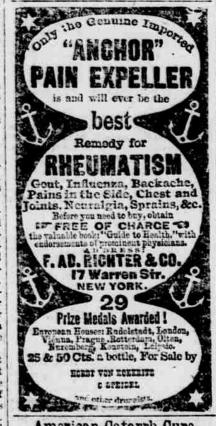
A new method of producing steel ha; been suggested to M. Jules Garnier b; perature of 1,000 degrees and subjecting them to a strong current, M. Jules Gar-nier expects that his discovery will revo-lutionize the steel industry.—Exchange. ARISTOCRATIC NURSES.

Be Practical In the Sieken Two or three years ago the Prince and Princess of Wales distributed badges

and prizes to a large number of professional nurses and afterward entertained them royally at Marlbonough House. It was expected that fashionable dames would show their appreciation of the royal example by taking up nursing as a recreation, but little was done until a few months ago, when the National Health society opened classes for the benefit of the aristocracy, at which something more is taught than a coquettish arrangement of caps and aprons. The idea is to wach ladies the value of good nursing and enable them to learn something about fit food for invalids and how to give first assistance to the injured, in all of which, it seems, duchesses, counterers and the like are lamentably deficient.

The Duchess of Bodford is particularly active in the work. She has placed her fine house in Belgrave square at the disposal of the society's lectures on every Wednesday during the winter season, and, as the course includes an afternoon tea, the attendance is expected to be large. The proceedings should certainly be interesting, as it is announced that each lecture "will be practically illustrated with a patient, bedding, etc."

The pioneer among the aristocracy of nursing and sanitation was Lady Brooke, who, with her husband, enjoys the particular friendship of the Prince of Wales Her ladyship has for years been accustomed to keep a sharp eye on the water supply and sanitary arrangements of the villages on her estates in the counties of Warwick and Essex, often to the deep disgust of the cottagers, who claimed ities and the trend to political economy? the inherent right of a Briton to please himself in such matters, and who ob ected strongly to being coerced into leanliness on pain of eviction. Puritanical people have sometimes said hard things of Lady Brooke. It is right that credit should be given her in this mat ter.-London Letter.



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